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AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR NEW  
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1. The Public Buildings Service of the General Services Administration is acting as Construction Agent for the new CIA headquarters building project. On February 25, 1959, thirteen general contractors submitted bids for the superstructure and completion of the site work. On March 20, 1959, the Public Buildings Service recommended that CIA approve award of a contract to the Charles H. Tompkins Company and the J. A. Jones Construction Company of Washington, D. C., whose base bid and aggregate bid for seven selected alternates totaling \$33,287,600 were the lowest of the thirteen bids received.

2. The Public Buildings Service also recommends approval of an award of a separate contract in the amount of \$1,122,669 to the Otis Elevator Company to provide elevators and escalators in the headquarters building. This bid was the lowest of four bids received for this work.

3. The Agency's Architects, Harrison & Abramovitz, and the Technical Staff of CIA after a review of all the bids received have concurred in the above PBS recommendations. Accordingly, the Director of Central Intelligence is giving his approval for PBS to award the contracts as recommended.

4. Of the original appropriation of \$54,500,000 for this project, \$8,500,000 has been transferred as directed by Congress to the National Park Service for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway to the site. This work is well under way and is expected to be completed late in 1959.

5. For the construction of the building, five contracts for clearing, grading, excavation and foundation work have already been awarded. It is estimated that the award of the superstructure and elevator contracts referred to above, plus provision for architects' fees, engineering supervision, reserves for contingencies during construction, and for additional contracts not yet awarded, will bring the total cost of the building to approximately \$43,000,000, leaving a presently unallocated balance of about \$3,000,000 out of the original appropriation of \$46,000,000.

6. The Public Buildings Service will issue a press release in the near future regarding this award.

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**List of Senators and Representatives Who Have Received  
Fact Sheet on Award of the Contract for the CIA Building**

**Senator Harry Flood Byrd (D., Va.)**

**Senator Francis Case (R., S. Dak.)**

**Senator Carl Hayden (D., Ariz.)**

**Senator A. Willis Robertson (D., Va.)**

**Senator Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.)**

**Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.)**

**Representative Joel T. Broyhill (R., Va.)**

**Representative Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.)**

**Representative Paul J. Kilday (D., Tex.)**

**Representative George H. Mahon (D., Tex.)**

**Representative Harry R. Sheppard (D., Calif.)**

**Representative John Taber (R., N. Y.)**

**Representative Carl Vinson (D., Ga.)**

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(33) Page 82. Here there is mention of the fact that the bids for construction were somewhat lower than expected because of the economic situation at the time. Actually, the monies expended in construction were at least \$3 million less than the \$46 million we had available. As these were "no year funds", they remained available to us and some of the money was eventually used for the construction of the new printing plant at the site which was opened on 13 September 1967. Mr. Warner, the Deputy General Counsel, believes that some of this remaining money was also used when it became necessary for the Government to condemn some private property adjacent to the site on which it was proposed to build some high-rise apartments. Mr. Warner is not sure that the condemnation money came from these extra construction funds, and this will have to be checked. (PH *Thompson*)

*Obligation Report of funding*